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**Transmittal Letter**  
**Request for Continuation Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b)(1)**  
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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request the filing of a continuation application in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)(1) of the below-identified prior application.

The prior application is identified as follows:

1. Serial number: 09/188,358
2. Filing Date: November 10, 1998
3. Title as originally filed: Structure Having Balanced pH Profile
4. Applicants as originally filed: Palani Raj Ramaswami Wallajapet; Alice Y. Romans-Hess; Edwin T. Ta; Jian Qin
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The prior application is currently pending before Examiner J. Weiss, Jr. in Group 3761. The entirety of the prior application is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

Enclosed is a copy, as originally filed, of the above-identified prior application which includes Forty-nine (49) pages of specification, the specification including a one (1) page Abstract, Sixty-four (64) claims, and Three (3) sheets of drawings.

This application is filed by the same inventors named in the prior application.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney showing the signatures of the inventors in the prior application. If applicable, a copy of any amendments referred to in the oath or declaration is also enclosed.

Please amend the specification of this application by inserting, at the beginning thereof, the following:

-- This application is a continuation of application serial number 09/188,358 entitled Structure Having Balanced pH Profile and filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 10, 1998. The entirety of application serial number 09/188,358 is hereby incorporated by reference. --

And, if indicated:

A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

Please consider the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement, PTO 1449 and copies of the documents (excluding pending applications) cited therein. Pending applications are recited on a separate sheet to avoid their being printed on the face of any patent issuing herefrom.

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